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Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Brussels Declaration[1] and Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[2] adopted at the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[3]

Recalling further its resolution 61/1 of 19 September 2006 entitled "Declaration of the high-level meeting of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",

Recalling its resolution 63/227, in which it decided to convene the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 2011 at a high level,

Welcoming the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries held in New York on 29 September 2009,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/31 of 31 July 2009 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,

* On behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/CONF.191/13, chap. I.

[2] Ibid., chap. II.

[3] See resolution 60/1.

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Recalling also the Cotonou Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[4]

Recalling further the Outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development,[5] where it was recognized that the economic and social progress achieved by least developed countries in recent years is being threatened by the global economic and financial crisis and that support for them therefore needs to be increased,

1. *Takes note* of the report[6] of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;

2. *Takes note also* of the progress being made in the preparatory process for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

3. *Welcomes* and accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of Turkey to host the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

4. *Decides* to convene the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in the first half of 2011 for a duration of five days, at a venue and time to be determined in consultation with the host Government;

5. *Decides also* that the meeting of the intergovernmental preparatory committee envisaged in paragraph 5 of resolution 63/227 will be organized in New York in two parts, in the third quarter of 2010 and the first quarter of 2011, each for five working days;

6. *Requests* the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States as the focal point for the preparations for the Conference, as requested in its resolution 63/227, to ensure timely preparations for the Conference and to further mobilize and coordinate the active involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system;

7. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in her capacity as convenor of the United Nations Development Group, in coordination with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, to ensure the full involvement of United Nations resident coordinators and country teams in the preparations for the Conference, in particular country-level preparations;

8. *Invites* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, major groups and other donors to contribute to the Trust Fund for the participation of the least developed country representatives in both the preparatory process and the conference itself;

9. *Recognizes* the importance of the contributions of civil society and the private sector to the Conference and its preparatory process, stresses, in this regard,

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[4] A/61/117, annex I.

[5] Resolution 63/303, annex.

[6] A/64/80-E/2009/79 and Corr.1.

the need for their active participation, including those from the least developed countries, and invites donors to make appropriate contributions for that purpose;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to take the necessary measures to intensify their public information efforts and other appropriate initiatives to enhance public awareness in favour of the Conference, including by highlighting its objectives and its significance;

11. *Emphasizes* the importance of country-level preparations as a critical input to the preparatory process for the Conference and the implementation of and follow-up to its outcome, and calls on the Governments of the least developed countries to submit their reports in a timely manner;

12. *Requests* the executive secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in close coordination and cooperation with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, to provide the necessary substantive and organizational preparations and to organize the regional-level preparatory review meetings in the context of the 2010 annual sessions of their respective commissions, as called for by the General Assembly in its resolution 63/227;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a report on the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 as well as on the implementation of the present resolution, including a report on the state of the substantive, organizational and logistic preparations for the Conference.